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# Maggie Brooks

## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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### **BROOKS NAMES BUDGET ADVISORY TEAM**

*ROBERT FISCHER & LOUISE WOERNER TO CO-CHAIR*

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks today announced the creation of her Monroe County Budget Advisory Team. This diverse team of business professionals, financial experts and community leaders will serve as Brooks' principal advisors on issues affecting Monroe County's budget. Today's announcement marks the fulfillment of another major pledge that Brooks made to the community.

*"I am determined to pursue innovative ways to do more with less, to identify budgetary efficiencies and to break new ground in our search for solutions that will help me maintain my commitment to keep Monroe County's Budget under control," said Brooks. "The strategies we develop will also help me produce a budget in 2005, and beyond, that is balanced without raising property taxes," said Brooks.*

*"I am asking my Budget Advisory team to conduct a top-to-bottom review of the 2004 Monroe County Budget to identify cost cutting measures, streamlining and consolidation opportunities," said Brooks. "I expect that they will also consider previous recommendations of the CASE Commission, the Blue Ribbon Commission, the Altea Report and the Council Of Governments Report prepared by the Center For Governmental Research."*

Brooks announced that Robert J. Fischer and Louise Woerner have accepted her invitation to Co-Chair the Monroe County Budget Advisory Team.

Robert Fischer has many years of business management experience as President of Hayes Fischer Capital Management where, among his many responsibilities, he manages the company's budget. Fischer has also served as a member of the New York State Superfund Management Board and was appointed by Governor George Pataki to serve on the Governor's Superfund Workshop from 1999 to 2003.

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Louise Woerner is Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and owner of Health Care Resources (HCR), a health services firm with more than 600 employees and offices in Rochester, NY and Washington, DC. She has an award-winning background in numerous capacities achieving success in local, national and international arenas of finance, civic affairs and business.

*“Working together, I am confident that Bob and Louise will effectively shepherd the creativity of the team I have assembled,” Brooks said. “The task, quite simply, is to provide me with recommendations – both immediate and long term – that will allow us to confront our fiscal challenges, head-on, and keep faith with the taxpayers of our community.”*

Brooks said that the Monroe County Budget Advisory Team will be comprised of 24 members who not only represent an experienced cross-section of community leaders, but are also stakeholders as local residents and taxpayers. In addition to Co-Chairs Fischer and Woerner, the team members include: **Ann L. Burr**, past Executive Vice President, Time Warner Cable Rochester and present Trustee of RIT; **Stacy Campbell**, First Vice President and Financial Consultant, RBC Dain Rauscher; **Gloria D. Cochran**, President and Owner, Cochran Business Solutions LLC; **John DiMarco II**, President, The DiMarco Group; **Ralph J. Esposito**, Supervisor, Town of Gates; **Kathryn Firkins**, Director of Constituent Services, Town of Greece; **Elizabeth Hager, MD**, Principal, E. Hager Consulting; **Brian E. Hickey**, President, Rochester Division - M&T Bank and Chairman, Board of Trustees, Nazareth College (The Rump Group); **Daniel C. Hogan**, President, Crane-Hogan Structural Systems, Inc. and Chairman, Monroe County CASE Commission; **Thomas F. Judson, Jr.** Chairman & CEO, The Pike Company, Inc. (The Rump Group); **R. Wayne LeChase**, President & CEO, LeChase Construction Services, LLC (The Rump Group); **Peter M. Palermo III**, Founder & Managing Director, Altrea Consulting, LLC; **Gregory J. Parrinello**, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers; **John Perticone**, Business Manager, Local 13, United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters; **Dennis M. Richardson**, President & CEO, Hillside Family of Agencies; **Thomas R. Wahl, Jr.**, Senior Vice President and Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley; **Kevin Spacher**, Director of Finance, Town of Perinton; **Gregory Duane**, Director of Finance, Town of Pittsford; **Bal K. Narang**, Operations & Finance Business Manager, Health Care, Youth & Public Policy Division, Harris Interactive; **Michael Vadala**, President & CEO, The Summit Federal Credit Union; and, **Rick Spencer**, Senior Vice President of Investments, Morgan Stanley and Board Member, CFO Roundtable.

Additionally, Brooks said that she has spoken to Rochester Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr. and invited him to name a member to the team.

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